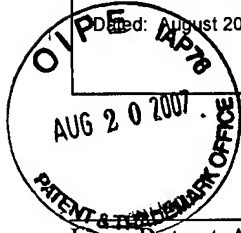


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is response to the restriction requirement set forth in an Office Action dated July 18, 2007, for which a response is due on August 20, 2007 (the first business day following August 18, 2007). Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I (claims 1-11) for continued examination.

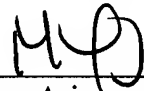
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